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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ARNOLD FRUTKIN, /
NASA, TO VERESHCHETIN, INTERCOSMOS.

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2. OCTOBER 27, 1977 (04.05.01) /

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DEAR MR. VERESHCHETIN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OCTOBER 21 MESSAGE REQUESTING RECONSID-

ERATION OF THE SIZE OF THE SOVIET SPACE BIOLOGY AND
MEDICINE DELEGATION TO THE MEETINGS NEXT MONTH. PLEASE BE
ASSURED WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE ARBITRARY. OUR SUGGESTIONS
FOR LIMITING DELEGATION SIZE STEM ENTIRELY FROM DESIRE
TO KEEP MEETINGS IN BOTH US AND USSR TO MINIMUM COST TO
EACH SIDE CONSISTENT WITH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO KEEP TO SPIRIT OF OUR AGREEMENT
TO REVIEW ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GROUPS TO RE-FOCUS TIME
AND ENERGIES ON MOST PROMISING ACTIVITIES, ECONOMIZING
ON TRAVEL, FINANCES AND PERSONNEL. SPACE BIOLOGY AND
MEDICINE MEETINGS AND DELEGATIONS ON BOTH SIDES HAVE
TENDED TOWARD LONGER SESSIONS AND MORE PERSONNEL THAN
OTHER WORKING GROUPS--EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE OTHER
GROUPS, PARTICULARLY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT, ARE PURSUING AN EQUALLY ACTIVE PROGRAM.

FOR EXAMPLE, OUR COMBINED DELEGATIONS TO THE SHUTTLE/
SALYUT WORKING GROUPS DO NOT EXCEED 14 INCLUDING INTER-
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PRETERS AND SECRETARY. IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO
REASSESS SIZE OF YOUR DELEGATION IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE
CONSIDERATIONS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREED AGENDAS,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

SINCERELY,

ARNOLD W. FRUTKIN
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